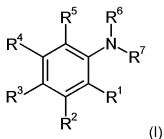


Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently amended) A compound of formula (I):



or a salt thereof, wherein

~~R¹ is H, cyano, halogen, trifluoromethyl, or trifluoroethyl;~~

~~R² is H, cyano, halogen, or trifluoromethyl, or trifluoroethyl;~~

~~R³ is cyano, nitro, or halogen, -C(O)R⁸;~~

~~R⁴ is H, cyano, halogen, trifluoromethyl, or trifluoroethyl;~~

~~R⁵ is H, cyano, halogen, trifluoromethyl, or trifluoroethyl;~~

~~where at least one of R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, and R⁷ is not H;~~

~~each of R⁶ and R⁷ independently are -(R^a)_x-R⁹;~~

~~R^a is a C₁-C₈ alkylene chain optionally substituted with one or more of C₁-C₃ alkyl, C₂-C₃ alkenyl, or hydroxyl, where x is 0 or 1;~~

~~each R⁹ independently is H or C₂-C₆ alkyl;~~

~~R⁹ is ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, isobutyl, n-butyl, tert-butyl, isopentyl, n-pentyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoroethyl, hydroxymethylene, hydroxyethylene, isopropenyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkylthioalkylthio, C₁-C₆ haloalkoxy, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl, formyl, azido, or -NR¹⁰R¹¹;~~

~~R¹⁰ and R¹¹ each independently are H, C₁-C₃ alkyl, C₄-C₆ alkyl, -C(O)H, -C(O)R¹², -C(O)OR¹², or -SO₂R¹²; and R¹² is C₁-C₆ alkyl.~~

2 - 6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1 wherein R⁹ is C₁-C₂ alkoxy.

8 – 14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1 wherein R⁹ is cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, or cyclohexyl.

16 – 17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently amended) The compound of claim 1 wherein R³ is cyano, ~~nitr~~o, or halogen.

19 – 22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently amended) The compound of claim ~~18, 22~~ wherein halogen is chloro.

24 – 25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently amended) The compound of claim 18 wherein R³ is cyano and ~~one of R²~~
~~or R⁴~~ is cyano.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently amended) The compound of claim 1 ~~[[27]]~~ wherein R³ is methylene.

29. (Currently amended) A compound selected from:

4-[(Cyclopropylmethyl)(propyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile

4-[(cyclopropylmethyl)(propyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile

4-(diallylamino)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile

5-[allyl(cyclopentyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile

4-[butyl(propyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile

4-[ethyl(2-methyl-2-propenyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile

4-[butyl(ethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile

4-(dipropylamino)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile

N-butyl-N-ethyl-3-methyl-4-nitroaniline

5-(diallylamino)-2-nitrobenzonitrile

5-[(cyclopropylmethyl)(propyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile
4-(diallylamino)-2-nitrobenzonitrile
3-methyl-4-nitro-N,N-dipropylaniline
4-[sec-butyl(propyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile
5-[butyl(ethyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile
2-chloro-4-[(cyclopropylmethyl)(propyl)amino]benzonitrile
5-[butyl(propyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile
5-[(2-methoxyethyl)(methyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile
2-chloro-4-(diallylamino)benzonitrile
4-[(2-methoxyethyl)(propyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile
4-[allyl(cyclopentyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile
4-[ethyl(2-methyl-2-propenyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
2-chloro-4-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl](methyl)amino]benzonitrile
N-(2-methoxyethyl)-N,2-dimethyl-4-nitroaniline
N-allyl-N-cyclopentyl-4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline
5-(dipropylamino)-2-nitrophenol
2-chloro-4-(dipropylamino)benzonitrile
5-[ethyl(2-methyl-2-propenyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile
N,N-diallyl-4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline
N,N-diallyl-2-methyl-4-nitroaniline
5-[(cyclopropylmethyl)(propyl)amino]-2-nitrophenol
N-(2-methoxyethyl)-3-methyl-4-nitro-N-propylaniline
4-[butyl(propyl)amino]-2-chlorobenzonitrile
N-butyl-2-chloro-N-methyl-4-nitroaniline
4-(dipropylamino)-2-nitrobenzonitrile
2-chloro-4-[(2-methoxyethyl)(propyl)amino]benzonitrile
N,N-diallyl-3-methyl-4-nitroaniline
N-(sec-butyl)-4-nitro-N-propyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline
4-(dipentylamino)-2-nitrobenzonitrile
N-(cyclopropylmethyl)-3-methyl-4-nitro-N-propylaniline
5-(dipropylamino)-2-nitrobenzonitrile
N,N-dibutyl-4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline
N1-(2-chloro-4-nitrophenyl)-N1,N2,N2-trimethyl-1,2-ethanediamine
5-[sec-butyl(propyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile

N-ethyl-N-(2-methyl-2-propenyl)-4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline
N-(2-methoxyethyl)-4-nitro-N-propyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline
4-[butyl(ethyl)amino]-2-chlorobenzonitrile
5-(dibutylamino)-2-nitrobenzonitrile
4-[butyl(ethyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile
4-[(2-methoxyethyl)(propyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
5-[(2-methoxyethyl)(propyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile
4-[allyl(cyclopentyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[butyl(propyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
N,N-dibutyl-3-methyl-4-nitroaniline
4-[methyl(octyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile
4-(dibutylamino)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
N-(cyclopropylmethyl)-4-nitro-N-propyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)aniline
N-allyl-N-cyclohexyl-4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline
4-[(2-methoxyethyl)(methyl)amino]-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-(diallylamino)-3-nitrobenzonitrile
N-1-(2-chloro-4-nitrophenyl)-N1,N3,N3-trimethyl-1,3-propanediamine
N,N-bis(2-methoxyethyl)-4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline
4-[sec-butyl(propyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
2-chloro-4-[ethyl(2-methyl-2-propenyl)amino]benzonitrile
N-cyclohexyl-N-ethyl-4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline
2-chloro-4-(dibutylamino)benzonitrile
4-[cyclohexyl(ethyl)amino]-2-nitrobenzonitrile
4-[bis(2-methoxyethyl)amino]-3-chlorobenzonitrile
2-chloro-N-(2-methoxyethyl)-N-methyl-4-nitroaniline
N-butyl-N-ethyl-4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline
N-(sec-butyl)-3-methyl-4-nitro-N-propylaniline
N-(2-methoxyethyl)-N-methyl-4-nitro-2-(trifluoromethyl)aniline
4-[bis[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
N-(cyclopropylmethyl)-4-nitro-N-propyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline
4-[(methyl)(octyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-(propylamino)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-nitro-N-propyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline
3-[[4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]amino]propan-1-ol

4-[(3-hydroxypropyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(2-hydroxy-1-(hydroxymethyl)ethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-(dimethylamino)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-(diethylamino)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[methyl(2-methylpropyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(cyclopropylmethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(cyclopropylmethyl)(3-hydroxypropyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(cyclopropylmethyl)(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
N-(cyclopropylmethyl)-4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline
3-[(cyclopropylmethyl)[4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]amino]-1-propanol
2-[(cyclopropylmethyl)[4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]amino]ethanol
4-[(cyclopropylmethyl)amino]-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
1-[4-[(cyclopropylmethyl)(propyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethanone
4-[(1-cyclopropylethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[allyl(1-cyclopropylethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(2,2-dimethylpropyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(2,2-dimethylpropyl)(3-hydroxypropyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(2,2-dimethylpropyl)(2-propen-1-yl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(2,2-dihydroxypropyl)(2,2-dimethylpropyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(2,2-dimethylpropyl)(2-oxoethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(2,2-dimethylpropyl)(2-hydroxyethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(2,2-dimethylpropyl)(propyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(1,1-dimethylethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
N-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline
N-(cyclopropylmethyl)-N-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-4-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline
4-[(1,1-dimethylethyl)(2-propen-1-yl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(1,1-dimethylethyl)(2-oxoethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(1,1-dimethylethyl)(propyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(3-hydroxypropyl)[(1S)-1-methylpropyl]amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
2-(trifluoromethyl)-4-[(3,3,3-trifluoropropyl)amino]benzonitrile
4-[bis(2-fluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-nitro-N-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline
4-[(3-hydroxypropyl)(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile

4-[(3-hydroxypropyl)(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-3-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-bromo-N,N-bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)aniline
4-[bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(2,2-difluoroethyl)(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)[2-(trifluoromethyl)-4-biphenyl]amine
4-[(2-hydroxyethyl)(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(2-(methyloxy)ethyl)(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(2-(ethyloxy)ethyl)(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)[2-[(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)oxy]ethyl]amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[methyl(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[ethyl(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[propyl(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[butyl(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(2-methylprop-2-enyl)(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[isobutyl(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(3-methylbut-2-enyl)(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[isopentyl(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[prop-2-ynyl(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(2-fluoroethyl)(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(2-(methylthio)ethyl)(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
4-[(2-azidoethyl)(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile
N-[2-[[4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl](2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]ethyl] acetamide
methyl 2-[[4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl](2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]ethylcarbamate
tert-butyl 2-[[4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl](2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]ethylcarbamate
N-[2-[[4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl](2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)amino]ethyl]
methanesulfonamide;
4-(dipropylamino)phthalonitrile;
and salts thereof.

30 – 32. (Cancelled)

33. (Previously Presented) A compound selected from the group consisting of:
N,N-diallyl-4-nitroaniline
N-(cyclopropylmethyl)-4-nitro-N-propylaniline

4-(dipropylamino)benzonitrile;
4-nitro-N,N-dipropylaniline;
and salts thereof.

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 1, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

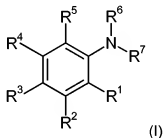
36 – 42. (Cancelled)

43. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 29, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

44. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 33, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

45 – 46. (Cancelled)

47. (New) A compound of formula (I):



(I)

or a salt thereof, wherein

R^1 is cyano, halogen, or trifluoromethyl;

R^2 is H;

R^3 is cyano, halogen, or $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^8$;

R^4 is H;

R^5 is H;

each of R^6 and R^7 independently are $-(\text{R}^9)_x-\text{R}^9$;

R^a is a C₁-C₈ alkylene chain optionally substituted with one or more of C₁-C₃ alkyl, C₂-C₃ alkenyl, or hydroxyl, where x is 0 or 1;

each R^b independently is C₁-C₃ alkyl

R⁹ is ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, isobutyl, n-butyl, tert-butyl, isopentyl, n-pentyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoroethyl, hydroxymethylene, hydroxyethylene, isopropenyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkylthio, C₁-C₆ haloalkoxy, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl, azido, or -NR¹⁰R¹¹;

R¹⁰ and R¹¹ each independently are H, C₁-C₃ alkyl, -C(O)R¹², -C(O)OR¹², or -SO₂R¹²; and R¹² is C₁-C₆ alkyl.

48. (New) A compound according to claim 47 wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of:

N-(cyclopropylmethyl)-4-nitro-N-propyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)aniline;

4-[bis(2-ethoxyethyl)amino]-3-chlorobenzonitrile;

and salts thereof.